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Although the Convention is not to be called to order until 10 o'clock, by 8 o'clock squads of brethren are seen in front of the church, shaking hands, talking about old times and having a "good time" in general. It is good to mingle with them. A more genial set than Mississippi Baptists, in Convention assembled, would be hard to find.

Just as the Clock strikes ten, President Sproles calls the Convention to order, W. A. McComb leading the devotional exercises. "All Hail the Power" is the first song to be used and with old time Baptist spirit do the people sing. Bro. Solomon leads in fervent prayer for the divine guidance that we may plan large things, according to the promises of God, for His kingdom. Another old song is announced, and "I love to tell the Story" peals forth from hundreds of throats with a power that makes every one feel the very presence of the Holy One Himself. M. K. Thornton prays for a special consciousness of God's presence to be kindled in every breast, "Majestic Sweetness is sung." The Scripture lesson used is 2d Psalm, a part of the 1st Acts, beginning with 6th verse, and the great commission as given in Matthew—three selections all bearing upon the one great theme, the evangelization of the world. Bro. McComb leads in prayer and a number of brethren recite precious promises of God in all our work. By special request Bro. Vanlandingham leads in prayer for the bereaved family of T. J. Walne, who has recently fallen on sleep, in his home Dallas, Texas; for Drs. Webb, and Hackett, who are in feeble health; for Dr. Rowe, who is now in attendance upon the World's Congress in London, and for our dear brother W. E. Ellis, who is now at his father's home in Holmes County, hopelessly sick, with but a short while to be with us in the flesh.

The president announces the body ready for business, and the committee on enrollment, through its chairman, S. E. Tull makes a partial report, which, owing to the business-like way the committee has gone about its work, is very nearly complete, even by the time the convention is called to order, W. M. Burr moves that all brethren and sisters present, who know themselves to be entitled to membership, be entitled to vote in the organization—voted. A motion is made by J. L. Low that the Secretary cast the ballot of the convention for the present officers—overruled by President Sproles, Gov. Longino having been called to the chair W. A. McComb renews Low's motion, which is ruled to be in order by the chair, but is withdrawn by McComb, when some one

raised objection, and the vote is taken by ballot. Pending the taking of the ballot, Secretary Hemby presents the convention with a bound copy of the minutes from 1889—1903, which is accepted very heartily by convention. Visiting brethren are introduced at this juncture—W. P. Harvey of the Western Recorder; H. P. Hurt, Tenn., E. B. Bomar, foreign mission board, Luther Little, of Texas, W. E. Farrar, Russellville College, Ky., A. U. Boone of Tennessee; H. E. Cleaton, of Baptist Argus—and "private" John Allen of Tupelo. Chairman Little announces the result of the election—H. F. Sproles, president; Vice presidents W. T. Lowrey, A. E. Jennings; Cor. Secretary, W. P. Price; Recording Secretary, John P. Hemby; Statistical Secretary S. G. Cooper; Treasurer, J. P. Brown.

Pastor Kimbrough speaks some words of cordial greeting and welcome on the part of the church, introducing the Hon. John Allen who, as only the "Private" can, speaks words of welcome on part of the city. Senator Dunn, of Meridian, responds very gracefully and tastefully on the part of the Convention.

The time of meeting is voted to be 9 a. m. adjourn 12 m; meet at 2:30 p. m. adjourn at 5 p. m; meet at 8:20 p. m. and adjourn at pleasure. Judge McCool moves that the usual committees be appointed—voted. W. A. McComb moves that an telegram of sympathy be sent to Mrs. T. J. Walne of Dallas, Texas, in view of the death of Dr. Walne, who was so long officially connected with this convention. After sundry and various announcements convention adjourns for dinner, with benediction by Bro. Osborne.

### FIRST DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by W. A. Roper reading the 103rd Psalm, brethren Thames and Lee leading in prayer. A number of brethren quoting Scripture promises, S. G. Cooper leading in fervent prayer, J. P. Hemby reads the following:

"Queenstown July 5, 1905.

Baptist Convention: Titus 3:15—Rowe"

The Corresponding Secretary is instructed to send a suitable reply. J. L. Low having moved to Water Valley from Laurel asks the privilege of resigning as trustee of the Orphanage, which is accepted.

New pastors, and old pastors, who had been absent from the State for awhile, are called to the front. As these brethren line up, President Sproles remarks: "Let me give you brethren a little advice: Stay here—take root and bear fruit"—and all the people laugh.

The Statistical Secretary reads his report, the first suggestion in it is to the clerks of associations that they state in their min-

utes the distance of associational meetings from the nearest railroad point; print on title page the list of all the officials; add up all the columns of figures; give Sunday-school statistics in full; insist on the printer giving a quick, good job and as soon as you get the minutes send copy to S. G. Cooper, Statistical Secretary, Canton, Mississippi. In this report Mississippi College property is valued at \$140,000 00; Hillman College. \$15,000; Blue Mountain, \$60,000.00; Harmony Institute \$1,500.00. There have been ten churches dedicated during the year. There are in the State 1,306 churches with 109,286 members; baptisms during the year 7,667; Sunday-schools 587; Sunday school pupils 32,588. The report presents many important matters, which will be found in the minutes, every Baptist in the State ought to get a copy, and read every word in it. President Sproles announces the various committees.

The hour of special order having arrived, B. G. Lowrey reads the request on temperance. The report makes four important points:

1. We believe in the absolute prohibition of the traffic the world around.
2. We believe in the most rigid enforcement of all the law we have and the enactment of some law looking to the prevention of the jug trade so disgracefully prevalent in many parts of the State.
3. We believe in more temperance teaching in our homes and churches.
4. We believe in voting as we pray "Thy Kingdom come," supporting candidates for office who will enforce the law. Bro. Lowrey makes a strong speech. He cites this case: "A wholesale grocery concern in Memphis on its bill heads has this statement: 'Don't fail to order that jug for that nigger.'" This concern gives 50 cents for every jug that is sold to the nigger, and the man, or concern, that will do a thing like that is a greater enemy to the country, and especially to the women of the country, than the man who forms a mob to hang the "nigger."

The recorder of the State penitentiary of Kansas shows that out of 80 counties 31 of them are in the interior and not one of them has a convict in the penitentiary; 32 counties held no session of the criminal court; 25 of the counties bordering on the adjoining States, in which States where whiskey is sold, furnish three-fourths of the convicts. Prohibition does prohibit—even in Kansas. The liquor traffic is offering big salaries for drummers to sell liquor by the jug all over Mississippi. This is a feature that we must fight in this State. Watch the men who are selling it by the jug. Several brethren make



speeches, all want to speak. Bro. Sibley says that an Elk's Club is nothing more or less than a blind tiger—where they dispense drinks.

Bro. Lowrey offers resolution commending the News-Scimitar of Memphis for its present stand against the liquor traffic, having refused to accept any more liquor advertisements in its columns. The resolution is noted unanimously by the Convention rising, are ordering the resolution sent to the News-Scimitar. After usual announcements the body adjourned.

The Convention sermon is now preached by Rev. J. S. Thigpen, of Magnolia, on SOUL WINNING.

This subject is chosen for the reason that, as pastors, we are given possibly more to the feeding the flock than we are to going out after the lost.

Some qualifications for this great work, which brought Jesus Christ to this earth, are:

1.—An experience of grace in our own hearts—an unconverted person can not do this work.

2.—A consciousness of the fact that God has called us into this great service. Paul had no doubt of his call from God, for this work no one could we.

3.—He must firmly grip the great doctrines of the Kingdom. Not that every one must be a hair-splitting theologian, not that; but that he must have a Scriptural conception of the fundamentals—of sin and Christ's powers to save. A wrong diagnosis of the disease will lead the physician to wrong treatment of his patient's case; so it is with the soul winner. A Bible conception of sin will drive us all to the "Lamb of God" who alone can take away the sin of the world.

4.—He must love lost men. Paul so loved the lost, and especially his kinsmen, that he said that he was willing to die in their stead—that would result in their salvation. So it was with our divine Lord: He loved all classes and conditions of men, and mingled with the lost so freely that he was charged with having become the guest of a sinner.

5.—He must be self denying and self sacrificing. Paul was willing to labor with his own hands, for his own temporal support, even when the Lord had said, they that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel, and he gave us their right and privilege in order that he might get closer to men—so ought we to have more of this Pauline spirit.

6.—He needs the power that comes from a close communion with God. How much more power we would have with men if we had more communion with God in our private devotion—we preachers know how easy, comparatively speaking it is to preach on such occasions. We ought to live so close to God that we would not be thrown into the presence of an unconverted person, boy or girl, man or woman, without being able to tell such an one of Christ. The preacher says he has

not time to tell about the rewards that await the soul winner—and just 28 minutes after he took his text, congregation sings, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone," having heard one of the best gospel sermons that one hears in a convention.

After announcements the convention adjourns, until 9 o'clock, Thursday, in prayer by Bro. Thigpen pronouncing the benediction.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional Exercises conducted by M. K. Thornton, several brethren leading in long prayers. The journal of yesterday is read by the secretary, and visiting brethren—Barton, of the Home Board, Van Ness, of Sunday School Board, Folk, of the Baptist and Reflector, McGlothlin of the Seminary. Dr. Venable offers a resolution, which is referred to a special committee, looking to the purchase of THE BAPTIST by the Convention.

A. E. Jennings reads the report of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage which shows a healthy condition of affairs all the way round. The receipts for the year are \$18,299.59; disbursements \$17,734.97, leaving a balance on hand of \$564.62. The new building will cost, when ready for use \$17,377.50, on which we will owe \$7,000.00.

J. L. Low reads the report on the Orphanage. There are now 105 children in the institution. Recommendations:

1. Only destitute children are to be received.

2. Pastors exercise great care in recommending children that none but destitute children may be admitted.

3. That great diligence and care be exercised in letting out the children into private homes.

Bro. Jennings makes a very tender appeal for the Orphanage. Bro. Low being hoarse, asks that McComb make his speech, which he does, the last ten moments of which is given to the taking of a cash collection which amounts to \$100.00.

Dr. Lowrey reads the report of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College, which opens by paying worthy tribute to the memory of the late J. L. Pettigrew who had been a trustee of the College continuously for 33 years. It sets forth the fact that Dr. Lowrey has been elected to go before the denomination, during the next year, in an effort to raise \$100,000 on buildings and improvements, the American Educational Society having promised \$25,000 of it on the condition that we raise \$75,000.00. The Jennings family of Water Valley have most generously given \$20,000 to erect a building on the College campus in memory of the late noble Z. D. Jennings. Are there not others who will imitate them in their most sensible way to perpetuate the memory of loved ones gone?

A. H. Longino reads the report on Christian Education, which sets forth the splendid condition of our Baptist schools in the State, endorsing most heartily the action of the board of trustees of the college in

sending Dr. Lowrey into the field to raise money for buildings and equipment. The report commends the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and urges that our contributions to this institution be at least large enough to support the Mississippi men in the Seminary anyhow, which during this last year, we have not done. It was a fine report and was spoken to briefly by Governor Longino and more at length by Dr. Lowrey. By way of explanation Dr. Lowrey says that, at the meeting of the board of trustees last evening, the action of the board, in asking that the question of admitting young ladies, under certain restriction, be admitted along with young men, into the institution, had been reconsidered, and the question of co education was not before us today. He says that seven years ago was the darkest day in the life of the college since the war; that this is the brightest day the college has ever seen. The Secretary of the American Educational Society, who has just visited all the colleges in the South reported on reaching home, that Mississippi College was the most hopeful of all the institutions he had seen in his rounds—this was his statement to the Educational Society that has its millions to pour into the better equipment of Southern Colleges, and who knows what it may mean for us, if we rise to the height of the present golden opportunity and raise this \$75,000?

Dr. Lowrey speaks tenderly, earnestly, powerfully—indeed as this writer never heard him speak before, and all the people, when he had finished, were of his way of thinking evidently.

After the usual announcements the body adjourns until 2:30.

1. Song—"Jesus Paid it all."

2.—"Stand Up for Jesus."

Rev. H. M. Whitten of Meville conducted devotional service.

Prayer, D. L. Wilson.

"Woman's Work." Report read by Rev. W. J. Mahoney.

"Mahoney:—

(1) Urges Pastors to give support and co-operation to woman's work. The work is not separate and apart from church work—but seeks to further all lines of activity. Some churches would quit, if not for the woman's work. Now Mahoney has a Men's Aid Society in Vicksburg, but could not get on without Woman's Aid Society.

The Women ask co operation in establishing an Aid Society in every church in every association.

Have a woman's meeting during meeting of the association; appoint a vice president in each association. Recommends that the associations meet the expenses necessary in doing work.

Special Work Among Children: "Emphasize the 'Children's Bands' and the work they do in training children."

Report of Enrollment Committee:—

Number of associations represented, 21.

Number of churches represented, 1,06

Number of Representative, 218.

Song: "The Morning Light."

#### Report on Home Missions—R. A. Cohron.

He appeals to pastors to keep the churches informed upon the work. Use "Home Field"—Let the Ladies distribute tracts and copies of "Home Field." We are asked for \$18,000 this year. 100,000 Baptists, but 75,000 don't give. We must instruct and inspire these 75,000. Bro. Solomon speaks to the report. He wants to undertake to do great things. It is easier to undertake and do a great thing than it is a little thing. It would be better to ask 30,000 than for 18,000.

Brother Alexander, now pastor at Corinth speaks also to the report. A dollar given to Home Missions this year means ten dollars for Foreign Missions a few years from now. We need to get a larger view of things—the man with a larger idea is the man we need to-day. The Home Board is the great factor in dealing with the social problems that confront us to day. Dr. W. P. P. Harvey makes a telling speech on the work of the Home Board.

W. H. McComb exhorts that we stir ourselves to raise the full amount requested by Home Board and makes a suggestion as to the best method of taking a collection: Write to the Home Board, Atlanta, Ga.; get their envelopes, preach the best sermon you can on missions, distribute the envelopes, urge all the people to take one and put all they can in it, and let the pastor not fail to take one and fill it full also.

The next speaker is A. J. Borton of the Home Mission Board, who speaks with special reference to the negro work. The negro is here and we want him to stay here. They are the best servants we will ever get—the best we will ever get. Of course there are negroes and negroes just as there are white people and white people. No Southern white man can afford to say that the negro is of no concern to me. The man who sits in his library Sunday afternoon, smoking his fine cigar, and with a curl of mustouch says, "Mr. Nigger" is nothing to me," may not be conscious of it, but it is a fact that his cook or coachman may be impressing their vicious characters more indelibly upon his boy or girl than he himself. Southern people are more to this unfortunate race which God has placed at our doors. We know him and he knows us—we love him, for Christ's sake, and as long as the strong are to help the weak, so long will we help them. Christ did for the negro as well as for the white man, and you and I are to carry the Gospel to them. I am a Southern man to the core, true to all her traditions, manners and customs, so are you; but we are Christians, blood bought men of the Son of God, and we cannot but preach the Gospel to the negro at our own door as well as those in Africa. Our missionaries to China, Japan and Africa labor for years to learn the language, but here we have 10,000,000 of people here at our own doors who speak in our own mother tongue, whom we can lead to Christ if we will. After the usual announcements the convention adjourns.

#### SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

After devotional exercises, P. I. Lipsey reads the report on Foreign Missions. Our needs in this work are

1. Prayer to God that he will open our eyes to see our duty toward the last.

2. Prayer for more of our best and ablest men to be called into foreign mission lands.

3. Liberal, consecrated, constant, sympathetic giving, every man, woman and child of us doing something, doing that something according to our ability, and doing that something according to our ability cheerfully.

The report is spoken to by brother Lipsey. Mississippi Baptists are asked this year for \$27,000, which means that we are all to greatly increase our contributions.

Bro. Stone thinks that we ought not to ask the Lord for 10,000 saved souls, not limit God to that number, but ask Him to save the world.

Bro. Martin Ball, father of Fleetwood Ball, who is now under appointment of our foreign mission board to the foreign field, is called out and speaks to the report.

The Convention rises and sings "The Morning Light is Breaking."

E. E. Bomar, Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, next speaks to the report. He mentions the bereavement of our own E. F. Walne in faraway Japan the recent death of his father, of Chambers in China, of Province in Alabama and leads in prayer that God will sustain all these in their affliction, leading the congregation in singing "O How I Love Jesus." He tells us how much he loves us for the great work we are doing in Jesus' name. The great doctrinal idea of missions is that the individual to evangelize the world. We must all, every one of us, do something for this work. The great practical idea in Missions is for us to grasp the great magnitude of our work and every one of us go at it to accomplish something great. It will take a thousand dollars a day to meet our obligations; and it will take heroic giving to meet these obligations. There are over 100 young men in the various fields of our Foreign Mission work who are looking forward to the time when they will enter the gospel ministry. What a power for good these natives will be in their home land for God. One of our missionary doctors treated 4,000 patients the first year he was out, just think of it! You Christian young doctors why don't you go into the foreign lands and doctor the people and at the same time tell of Jesus? The railroads are binding the continents closer together, and giving us access to the very heart of all heathen lands.

But we want to bind ourselves together to pray for the salvation of the world. All great revivals started in prayer. John Bonus and a few friends agreed to pray for seven years, for the coming of the Spirit of God; the news of that prayer-meeting reached America and caused Jonathan Edwards to write a booklet urging the peo-

ple to pray, which book fell into the hands of William Carey and stirred his heart so in behalf of a lost world that he could not rest until he found himself in India. Prayer is what we need, earnest, fervent appeals to God, for the lost world. Bro. Yarbrough urges that all the churches in town and country do their full duty in behalf of this work. Dr. Venable reads the report of the Committee to whom the special resolution concerning THE BAPTIST, referring the matter to the Convention Board. After the announcements Convention adjourns.

#### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional Exercises conducted by E. L. Wesson, a number of brethren taking part. Journal of yesterday read, approved. Report on Sunday-schools and Young People's Work is read by Prof. J. L. Johnson, who speaks briefly, yielding the floor to Dr. Van Ness of the Sunday-school Board, Nashville, Tenn., who tells of the publications of the Sunday-school Board, and shows why and how every Sunday-school in the South can and should use the literature of our own Board. He urges that all brethren who have an objection to the way things are running in the literature department of our schools, just to sit down and write him in full and detail. He calls special attention to the new "Baptist Hymn and Praise" and its fitness for the uses of the churches in all their work—in the regular services, in Sunday-schools, prayer-meeting or B. Y. P. U. meeting. Dr. McGlothlin, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary speaks by special permission at this time upon the work of that institution. He says that as he sat here yesterday and heard the great speech of President Lowrey on Mississippi College he was stirred to the depths of his being as he got a vision of our great educational possibilities, "I have never seen it anywhere, as you have it here—to me your situation is simply glorious."

He says after an extensive correspondence he finds that there are only nine hundred young men, studying for the ministry, in the Baptist Colleges of the South, and only about 300 of these ever finish up their education. There are only two colleges in our South land where there has not been a decrease in the number of young men studying for the ministry; and these are your own Mississippi College and Baylor University, Texas, where there has been an increase. The Seminary is not a preacher factory—preachers are made in heaven if made at all; but it is a place where young men are helped to become fitted for their work. Dr. Mullins says that 300 young men wrote him that they could not come to the Seminary because they are so poor. We do not know why God calls only poor men into his ministry, as a rule; but that is just what He does.

Now you sent for the support of your men, in the Seminary, last year \$383.37, while the Seminary spent on your men \$470.00 or \$85.53 more than you sent.



Bro. Solomon said he wants to perpetuate the memory of his dear wife, who has gone to heaven, by paying the way of one young man every year in the Seminary which is \$50.00—and others fall in rapidly until the amount totals \$1,150. At the suggestion of Bro. Jennings a prayer of thanksgiving was called for, the chair asking Bro. Weston to lead the prayer.

B. G. Lowrey offers a resolution calling upon Congress to pass a law, proposed in the Hepburn bill, forbidding transportation companies to ship liquor into prohibition territory.

Hon. V. D. Rowe reads the report of the Convention Board, in the absence of his father, who is now in London, in attendance upon the so-called Baptist World's Congress. It is the 20th annual report and is the most satisfactory thus far presented, fairly bristling with facts and figures attesting the interest and enthusiasm of all our people in the great cause of our Lord. Every Baptist in the State can and ought to read it in full in the Convention minutes which will be out in a few days. W. P. Price reads the report of the treasurer of the Convention Board which shows a sum total of \$99,246.89 raised by our churches during the year against \$76,874.75 last year, \$22,361.16 more than last year.

I. P. Trotter reads the report on State Missions, in which he takes the position that our Lord spent all His stay on the earth in establishing a base of future operation, and that we ought to imitate Him in strengthening of our home work—in fact ought to give more money to State Missions than to any other object.

V. D. Rowe yielded his time to W. P. Price who spoke to the report for the few minutes that remained before adjournment.

#### LAST SESSION.

The convention convened at 2 o'clock to spend fifteen minutes in devotional exercises led by Bro. Beasley, who began promptly on time. With shame be it said that many good brethren stand around the door and talk while the devotional exercises are in progress—yes right here in Mississippi good brethren do this very, very, very thing.

Eustice Lambie, son of our missionary to Africa, who is left in this country and attending school at Blue Mountain, is introduced by Bro. B. G. Lowrey. He is a very sprightly little fellow of eleven years and bids fair to make a good man.

Brother Trotter speaks to the report on State Missions, that was pending when we adjourned for dinner, backing up his report by saying that we ought to give more for State Missions, because of the great need, than we do for any other one thing.

E. L. Weston tells how it is done in Texas and suggests that all the missionary pastors meet with the Convention Board and have an old-fashioned revival in telling how the work has progressed with them and what their needs are, it will greatly advance our people in this work.

W. J. Derrick tells how we can do the work more effectively than we are. Begin early in the year to take your collection and give a good breathing spell between collections. Let's divide our time and contributions more equally than we do; and let's push all our collections with all our power.

Dr. O. F. Gregory, formerly of Maryland; but now of Montgomery, Ala., speaks a word, telling how they were able in Maryland—a state that has only 59 Baptist churches, but one of the two states, Texas being the other, that gives more to state missions than to any other object. Their plan is to take their collections in all the churches on the same day, having announced it previously and worked it thoroughly.

Brother J. S. Berry asks that Bro. Martin Ball tell about the tent Evangelistic work done in Tishomingo Association; but on account of the special order he did not speak.

Several missionary children, now in school at Blue Mountain, are introduced, and Dr. Sproles asks the blessings of God to rest upon them, the congregation singing, "O, how I love Jesus."

M. K. Thornton, in the absence of Chairman Sibley, reads the report on publications. It recommends The Bible Union Version of the New Testament and the American Edition of the Revised Version as being the best translations now extant. It recommends that we give our own paper, THE BAPTIST, more enthusiastic support, it being now as good as the average run of Mississippi Baptists; but not nearly so good as it would be, if all of us who owe would pay up at once.

The matter to be decided by the Board is a serious one. Many men are in arrears from a year to three years. Let us go home, pay our own subscriptions and see that our congregations do the same. We can make it much better than it is if we will be as honest with the paper as with other debts. Some think the college is more than the paper; it may be so, but I do not see what the college would do without it. Dr. Lowrey says, "We indeed would have an awful time without it. What would preachers do without it?"

Yarborough: "When yellow fever came, we got in debt, and ever since we have had a deficit. There is very little difference in the finances now and for the last two years. The paper will go on just the same. Some seem to think we will discontinue the paper, but we will not."

Bailey: "I have had several questions asked me today about the paper. Some have asked, 'Are you going to stop the paper?' Why, everybody that has spoken seems to feel that it is a necessity. As long as there is warm blood in my veins, I am for the paper. It is going to go on, and must be made better from day to day. If I should go into the pastorate of any of your preachers and begin to talk about your weak points, I could uproot any of you; it is so with the paper. Don't talk about our weak points so much, but find

something good to say and say that.

Dr. Harvey says that it takes money, time and brains to make a paper. He says that he knows of no paper that is giving satisfaction in its own state; nor does he know of a paper that is satisfied with its readers.

Brother Potter says that we can ruin anything in the world by talking about it disparagingly—you can ruin your school, your town, your children, your all; so can we do with our paper.

Brother Jennings asks that each pastor volunteer to be a collector for the THE BAPTIST in his church and community—he asks every pastor in the State to do this and begin the day you get home, and keep it up forever. To send a collector out will cost as much as the subscriptions are worth. There are \$9,000 of these subscriptions now due the paper; if we can get one-third of this right now, it would be in good financial shape, and could greatly improve the appearance and general make up and worth.

Dr. Folk speaks some words earnestly and pleasantly of the paper situation giving much wholesome advice and many good suggestions about supporting the papers, chief of which is that THE BAPTIST should and can have 10,000 subscribers, if every Baptist preacher will do like every Methodist preacher does—turn himself into an unpaid agent for his paper.

Bro. I. H. Anding reads a fine report upon sustentation or the support of our aged and wornout preachers. He says the government pensions its old soldiers, and that we ought to care for these faithful, old soldiers of the cross of Christ, who counted their lives not dear unto them that they might serve their Master faithfully unto the end of their day. Bro. Anding supports his fine report with a tender, strong speech in behalf of these aged ones whom the great Commander has dismissed from the activities of the campaign for the redemption of a lost world.

Bro. J. H. Whitfield offered resolutions of thanks to the people of Tupelo in general, the Baptist Church and their pastor in particular for their more than royal welcome and most hospitable entertainment. Surely Kimbrough and his people have covered themselves all over with glory in this entertainment of the Convention. Kimbrough seemingly has been everywhere at the same time, or as nearly so as any man could have been, and this writer proposes three cheers for pastor Kimbrough, his good people and all Tupelo, one and all.

S. G. Cooper reads the report on obituaries. Several brethren pay tributes to brethren Leavell, Pettigrew and Freeman.

W. J. Derrick offered a resolution, which after being amended, expressing regret that the Convention eight years ago at Grenada passed an act, known as the resolution on "Martinism," which wounded and alienated several good brethren and sisters, assuring them of our love and confidence and inviting them

to come and go with us and let's do each other good, which passed by a rising vote.

Dr. W. T. Lowrey moves that the president appoint the chairmen of the various committees. A motion to adjourn prevails and Bro. R. A. Cooper leads in the closing devotional exercises, when one of the most harmonious and business-like Conventions ever held in Mississippi, passes into history, adjourning to meet on the 4th. of July 1906, with the Baptist Churches of Vicksburg.

W. P. PRICE.

Bro. W. P. Price, the writer of the above report of the Convention proceedings had his hands already full of work for the Convention, being Treasurer of the Convention Board and Corresponding Secretary; but, at the urgent insistence of the Senior Editor, he consented to do the best he could. And beyond a doubt he has done well, for which he has our thanks.

We commend to our readers the News-Scimitar editorial which we reprint on page —. If this journal will continue on this line, it will prove a real benefactor to humanity. The late Mississippi Baptist Convention commended in high terms by resolution before the body the News-Scimitar's course.

#### Our World-Wide Work.

The great Convention of Kansas City has gone into history. We there reviewed the past, and laid our plans for the future. We have proposed to do greater things for God. He has blessed us temporarily and spiritually, and we have said that we must do more for the millions who know not of His love.

Last year we sent out fifty men and women whom we felt that God had called to the work. No one not intimately acquainted with the workings of the Board, has any idea of what was involved in selecting from the many who applied, these fifty new workers, and sending them out, oftentimes with children, to the far distant fields. Besides those who have already gone, we have about fifteen more under appointment, who hope to sail soon for the foreign fields. Others still are applying. We especially need just now several strong men for the great work in Japan. Let us pray God to send them forth.

#### RECEIPTS.

Last year our contributions went up to \$283,415.88, and the Committee on Items of Special Interest at the Convention in Kansas City, said in their report that it "would be necessary for the Board to receive \$400,000 this year to enable it to meet the regular obligations, and furnish the equipment necessary." The delegates at the Convention enthusiastically pledged their states for a large increase this year. Up to the present time, the following amounts have been received:

Texas, \$6,012 35; Maryland, \$251 10; Oklahoma, \$49 06; South Carolina, \$2,726 24; Alabama, \$228 28; Indian Territory, \$42 75; Georgia, \$701 66; Dis-

trict Columbia, \$88 49; Arkansas, \$30 00; Kentucky, \$611 44; Florida, \$84 57; Missouri, \$21 92; Mississippi, \$580 80; Tennessee, \$66 34; Louisiana, \$14 20; North Carolina, \$473 11; Virginia, \$60 33; other sources, \$2,079 77; total \$14,122 41.

Our expenditures run up now to about \$1,000 a day, so that it can be seen that we are getting much in arrears.

#### ENLARGEMENT.

The Board is depending on the brotherhood, and so has authorized some of our missionaries to build much needed homes in foreign lands. It is necessary for these workers to live in sanitary homes, so that they can have health and strength for the important work. We are also establishing Theological Training Schools to prepare native men for the new churches which are springing up. Over one hundred of these men are now being trained in seven different Theological Schools, and in the near future the number of these students will likely be increased to two hundred or more. We must train a native ministry. Hospitals are also being built for our medical missionaries. Without the hospitals they cannot give proper care to the thousands of suffering, who come to them for treatment. Besides this, in the hospitals they can proclaim God's Word to these suffering ones.

Never in all history have we had such opportunities at home and abroad for sending out the glad news of salvation.

#### MAKING PLANS.

If we make the great advance which is proposed, churches must have systematic plans of giving. In every church there ought to be one or more Mission Committees, and it is very important that the chairman of such a committee shall be an earnest, consecrated worker. A missionary pastor with a first-class missionary committee can bring things to pass for God.

#### PRAYING FOR SOULS.

Our people will rejoice to know that from the foreign fields come tidings of hundreds of conversions. Let us constantly pray to God that this year may be marked for the outpouring of His Spirit on our workers at home and abroad. While we are giving of our children, and giving of our money, let us earnestly plead with God for His blessings on the work, and beseech Him that His Spirit may work mightily for the conversion of lost souls.

And while our people are praying for other departments of the work, let them not forget to pray for their brethren who have this work in charge.

Yours fraternally,

R. J. WILLINGHAM.

Richmond, Va., July 1, 1905.

#### The Sunday School a Part of the Church.

In a recent issue of THE BAPTIST Bro. L. A. Duncan says the Sunday School is a part of the church. To me this is a strange expression from a Baptist. I thought Baptists were always agreed that the church was fully and perfectly instituted, organized

and established by Christ and his Apostles nearly two thousand years ago,—that it was composed of regenerated, baptized believers,—commissioned by the King to go and disciple all nations to the end of the world.

Nothing was said about methods centuries after, Christians in some countries adopted the Sunday School method of teaching God's word, not only to Christians but to others also. Now Bro. Duncan, how can these mixed schools of saints and sinners be a part of the church, from a Baptist stand point?

Again, Where we have no Sunday School which is true with a majority of our country churches, is there no complete church? Surely not, if the Sunday School forms a part of the church.

Now be it understood that this scribe heartily believes in rightly conducted Sunday Schools and every day schools if it could be in which God's word is taught to dying men and women.

I seriously doubt the propriety of giving any method of man the credit of being a part of a thing that only God could do. The Lord is still adding to his church such as are saved, but if some of our good brethren in their zeal for the Sunday School don't mind they will make some of our children think when they are in the Sunday School they are in the church and don't need regeneration.

Now I may have misunderstood Bro. Duncan. If not I am at a loss to know just what he meant. He may have meant that the church is a part of the Sunday School, i. e., it furnishes teachers and part of the pupils, some times however they get teachers and superintendents from other denominations, especially is this true in Union schools, so all this forms a part of the Church. I reckon we had as well have a union school as a union convention, if we don't disagree about the doctrines of Christ and his Apostles, which we are apt to do.

The Church is based on the authority and doctrines of Christ and not of methods of teaching these doctrines. The church of Christ has not held together through the ages because of any method or way of doing anything, but upon the principle expressed by the Apostle Peter, "Thou art the Christ." The true church knows no Pope nor bishop as its head. Her mission is to tell the world about the Christ.

D. L. WILSON.

Kosciusko.

We call the attention of our readers this week to the fact that J. W. Patton, of this city, bought out the interest of Mr. White in the music business formerly known as Patton & White, some time ago, and will continue same at their old stand in this city. Mr. Patton was the original owner of this business before Mr. White entered it, and is thoroughly acquainted with all its details as well as the wants and requirements of his friends and patrons. We can say without fear of ever having to retract the statement that Mr. Patton will never leave anything undone which will please those who trade with him. We therefore bespeak for him a goodly share of the patronage of our readers. When wanting anything in the music line write to him for catalogues and prices.



## Advancing.

I am hopeful. I have appealed to my churches for missions, and they have responded. On the third Sunday, inst., Liverpool church, but few in number, gave \$13.00 for foreign missions.

The fourth Sunday, inst., Hebron met to spend the day in serving God. The pastor had many folks to preach to that he hardly knew how to behave, and after preaching took a collection for home missions amounting to \$20.30, having raised \$20.00 for foreign missions only a few weeks before. Then after enjoying a good dinner, we met in the house and listened to an address by Bro. R. L. Wallace on Sunday School Work. Bro. Wallace is only a lay member, but consecrated and possessing, now a student of Mississippi College.

Hebron is doing nobly, having preaching two Sundays in the month and making a steady advance on all lines.

Yours for success.

B. A. McCULLOUGH,

Clinton, Miss.

## McComb City Meeting.

The South McComb church closed a real good meeting the third Sunday night in June. Pastor Lane was assisted in the preaching by Elder D. W. Bosdell, of Kentwood, La., whom he found to be good help. Results: Raised in money and subscriptions \$450 with which to free the church from debt. Seventy accessions to the church, forty-six for baptism and twenty-four by letter. If there were any more conversions I had no way of knowing it. I only count those who report for duty.

This church was organized by Bro. S. W. Sibley some three years ago with about sixteen members, without a house and no pastor. Now she has over 200 members and is paid for and is likely to go to full time next year.

I baptized several young ladies last Sunday at Osyka. Will be in a meeting at Taylorsville the first of July with Bro. T. J. Miley.

J. H. LANE.

## McHenry, Miss.

Our meeting at McHenry closed Sunday night June 18. Those in position to know say that in many respects it was the best meeting in the history of the church. On the fourth Sunday in May Bro. Rowe was with us. It was the occasion of the dedication of the church. Having paid off all debts on the house, we thought it a good time for a meeting, so we continued from the dedication service in prayer and song service every night for two weeks when Rev. Miley came and preached ten days, and the spirit's great influence to the Word and made it powerful in the conversions of souls. There has been up to date, June 26th, twenty-three added to the membership, twenty by baptism and three by letter, and we have hope that others will follow as the result of the meeting. Bro. Miley carried off with him a goodly

share of the love and respect of the church and people but not all of it as is too often the case. Sunday School and prayer meetings have trebled in attendance in the past year. We now have 100 students in regular attendance out of an enrollment of 140. We thank God for what he has done for us, and are encouraged to greater efforts for His cause.

W. H. BOONE.

## Progress In Zion.

June 18th was a great day for Old Mars Hill Church, for on that day a number of preachers with deacons met to ordain more deacons. The writer with Rev. S. W. Sproles and Brother J. S. Holloway started Friday evening for this grand old church. Saturday we arrived at the church about 10:30 a. m., here we met Bishops Ed. Solomon and J. B. Quin, of McCombs City.

At 11:30 the congregation assembled in the house for worship and after singing some sweet songs of praise and sending up petitions to God, Bro. Ed. Solomon preached the ordination sermon, which was full of religious thought and which was very helpful to all.

After partaking of a good and wholesome dinner prepared by the good ladies of Mars Hill, the congregation again assembled in the house to proceed with the ordination. Brothers T. E. Burris, G. K. Walker and W. C. Tate were called to the front to answer the questions asked by the Presbytery.

Bro. Quin conducted the examination, and after a thorough examination on the articles of faith and church government, the young brethren were presented to the Presbytery by the church for ordination. After the laying on of hands by the Presbyter and prayer by the writer the newly elected deacons were then set apart for their office.

Bro. Quin at this hour delivered a very interesting and helpful charge to the church.

With three young deacons possessed with such talent and as we believe such spiritual influence to work together with the old deacons and such a man as S. W. Sproles as pastor, I see no reason why Old Mars Hill Church should not be a power for good in that part of God's moral Kingdom. Thus ended a day long to be remembered by that community.

Very Respt.

J. J. STRINGFIELD.

## Holly Springs.

The fifth Sunday in April we began a meeting with this church and pastor which continued two weeks. The interest in the meeting was fine from the beginning. The Lord gave the church a great spiritual uplift which seemed to be very much needed. There were several conversions and four accessions to the church. Taking in consideration all the circumstances, this was one of the greatest meetings in which the writer has ever labored. The whole church seems delighted with

its new pastor, Bro. J. H. Bell. Bro. Bell is a fine mixer with the people and has already made many friends in Holly Springs. The brethren told me that their congregations had almost doubled since Bro. Bell had taken hold of the work. Withal this is a happy church and pastor and since spending two weeks there we are sure the Board is making no mistake in helping this church, and further we believe, if the work continues to prosper there as it now is, that the church will soon be able to employ its own pastor and pay him without the Board's help.

Very truly,

T. A. J. BRASLEY.

## Dedication

The writer preached the dedication sermon for the new Baptist church at Purvis last Sabbath. Purvis now has one of the First church buildings of South Mississippi. It is beautiful, large, and well sea ed with oak pews. Pastor Red has done telling work here, and is loved by his people. Feeling the church needs a resident pastor, Bro. Red will give up the church after this year. The church will soon be able to build a pastor's home and have a pastor for full time. Some of God's best people live here. Church has built a house worth \$3,000.00 and raised pastor's salary about \$200.00 in one year. What church has done more?

OWENSBURG.

In a meeting of five days here we had eleven additions, large crowds, and feel much good was done, Bro. Red, pastor.

POPULARVILLE

God has greatly blessed us here, 92 additions this year. In a recent consecration meeting eight young people gave the pastor their hands, saying they were willing to do anything God wanted them to do or go any where he wanted them to go. I trust God will call some of them to preach, and call some to be missionaries. We are now getting ready to take our State mission collection.

Pastor expects soon to assist in a meeting at Sumrall. Let God's people pray for him.

JNO. B. CULPEPPER.

Poplarville, Miss.

## Sixteen Months.

West Laurel Baptist church has kept house sixteen months. During this time, she has raised in round numbers fifteen hundred dollars for all purposes, six hundred of which have been spent seating church house, building baptistry and adding Sunday School rooms.

One hundred and thirty-four persons have been received into the fellowship of the church, fifty one of whom have been by baptism.

The Lord's favor has been very much upon our church, whereof we are glad.

J. E. PHILLIPS.

FREE TUITION TO ALL in that MOST EXCELLENT institution, Harris' Business College, Jackson, Miss.

Great leaders have uniformly been courageous. God has never used cowards to lead His people and, doubtless, never will. He said to one of His leaders in the ancient days, "Deal courageously and the Lord will be with the good." Cowardice is certainly a despicable human weakness. In religious matters it is far more; it is a grievous sin, the tap-root of which is infidelity. To do right is always feasible, always safe and always the best policy. God has always honored an adventurous faith. He never has honored a coward. At the bottom of much of the failure of Christian leadership is spiritual poltroonery, a cringing before the meaner spirits in the churches and out on the open fields. The pastor who shirks duty because he fears some one, is a defeated leader and should retire from his post. He will be compelled in time to retire. People will not follow a coward anywhere, but to the rear, and God will not succor a man who will not dare to do right.—J. B. Gambrell.

Mr. Gibson was not the pioneer preacher of the State. Richard Curtis, Jr., a Baptist preacher, and also from S. C., settled on Colls Creek, a few miles east of Natchez, and was preaching the Gospel as early as November 1784, just 15 years before the coming of Mr. Gibson. Through his ministry, and that of his associates, Old Salem Church was organized. The gavel which the president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention now uses was made from a sill of its first house of worship. If his grave is known it would show a becoming appreciation of our history and be inspiring to our ministerial students, to remove his remains to Clinton, re-inter them on the College Campus, and place a suitable memorial above them.

At the coming convention there will be need of big brains and big hearts. We are to take hold of big things, or rather add big things to big things already taken hold of. Mississippi College is a big thing, but its full growth is not yet. The good this institution has already accomplished is unmeasured. Its possibilities are untold. Its Board of Trustees in point of sterling worth and ability to plan and execute is unsurpassed. It has planned well, and no less well has it executed. It is planning still, planning larger things. But for large plans, where universal interest is involved, to be executed, there must be universal cooperation. Let brethren from all parts of the State—farmers, merchants, bankers, lawyers, doctors and preachers—come to the convention to study and discuss plans, and then determine together that these plans shall be executed. Fathers and mothers of Israel, make it possible for your boys and girls to get the very best.—L.

There is no little justice in the note of complaint at the way the president of the United States is treated to free trips up and down and all around the land to the tune of something over \$118,000 by the

railroad companies while it is ghastly criminal for any others of the travelling officials of the government to receive a free pass to the amount of even a few coppers. It surely does begin to appear that things ought to be equal, and that the goose and the gander ought to share alike in the sauce. If not, why not?

Two of the greatest actors for civic righteousness before the American people today are Baptists—Gov. Folk of Mo. and Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia. Among the many good things in Gov. Folk's commencement address at Vanderbilt University on Good Government and Good Citizenship, these words are worthy of special emphasis. "It is one thing to be against wrong; it is quite another thing to fight wrong. One is a non-combatant that never won a cause, the other a soldier in the fight." Good citizens need to be more aggressive. The man that is afraid to show his colors and stand in the open against evils is of little benefit to good government.

## Roxie.

Sunday morning, April 23 at Union church we had a fine congregation and made a nice offering to missions. Sunday night at Roxie, large crowd and a good offering to missions, and we launched an important movement to put our little church in first-class style. In a short while we will show the people one of the nicest little town churches on this road.

We have a fine B. Y. P. U., with a class of 20 young people.

The Ladies' Aid Society have just put in our church a fine organ, cost \$7 (seventy-five dollars.)

We hope for greater things.  
Lovingly

## Poplar Springs.

I desire to say a few words about our work at Poplar Springs, Copiah County. We organized first day of September, 1904, with nineteen members. We now have twenty-six, with two young girls waiting baptism. We have a good Sunday-school. Our contribution amounts to \$125 per members for this year. We hope to make it \$4.00 by the close of the year.

J. C. BUCKLEY.

Schley, Miss., June 26, 1905.

## The Kosciusko Meeting With Some Observations.

The Kosciusko Baptist church has just passed through a very gracious meeting of eleven days, beginning June 11th. The Lord was good to us in the first place in sending his blessings to us through the life and preaching of W. Y. Quisenberry, of Ruston, La. The meeting resulted in twenty-two additions to the church, sixteen of these being by baptism. The Lord used the meeting to touch the town as I have never seen it moved before. I would like to relate the meeting in detail, and tell of some of its many beautiful, happy incidents of conversions and answers to

prayer, but space does not permit.

Personally it was the most helpful meeting to me I ever was in. I thank God that it was my privilege to hear and feel the Gospel as preached and lived by the zealous, Christ-spirited Quisenberry. To the Christian his one message was, "God expects every Christian to be an intelligent, purposeful soul-winner." His one message to the unsaved was, "You are lost, and already condemned to an awful hell. Jesus Christ alone can save you."

I never saw the glory of soul-winning made more glorious than he made it. I never felt the horror of lost souls more forcibly than he made me feel it. I never saw the sinner's Saviour brought nearer to the hearts of men than he brought Him. I call that great preaching, but I find that it is great because it is the plain, simple, powerful truth of the Gospel.

Brother preacher, as the summer campaign is coming on and you are getting ready to go out for several weeks in meeting work, let me beg you to consider this idea of preaching. Do those old sermons that you have preached perhaps a dozen times and which you are expecting to use again bring clearly and unmistakably before the minds of men the pure, simple Gospel of salvation! The eternal destiny of many souls perhaps depends upon those sermons. Do they form a current of divine truth strong enough for dying men to safely cast their destiny on its tide? Do they make a chain of Gospel truth safe enough to anchor immortal souls eternally to the throne of God? Thousands of men and women may wait on your ministry in the next few months. Many will be honest seekers after the saving truth as it is in Christ. Make sure that they shall not wait in vain for the Word of life through your Gospel. May the Master make our ministry every where effectual, and may He give us a great harvest this summer. "He that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal."

S. E. TULL.

Kosciusko, Miss., June 22, 1905.

## Taylorsville.

Eight days with Pastor T. J. Miley at Taylorsville in the general association. There was much sickness in the membership, but the Lord gave us a splendid meeting among the saints and five accessions to the church.

The church is only five years old, but has built a nice house and has some choice spirits. The people love Bro. Miley, and say he is doing a fine work in that section of the earth. He is a splendid brother in a meeting.

Brethren Caughman and Harrelson live there and preach to churches adjacent to that branch of the Gulfport railway.

This section of the vineyard is being developed, and they are now singing, "The Morning Light is Breaking."

J. H. LANE.



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## Editorial.

At the close of the Taylorsville meeting, Miss Bertha Mayfield, a very promising young lady, signified her intention to offer herself to the Foreign Board for mission work on some foreign field.

### Baptist Statistics.

There be some who place small value upon statistics, but it can be yet maintained without contradiction that figures don't lie. They may not tell the whole truth unless it is sought to estimate the extent of influence, but when it is sought to find out the impression Christian people are making on the world certain statistics is of some value at least. As Baptists it is worth our while to study the statistic table if we would know better our mission in the world and at least some of the success the Lord is giving us. This is preeminently true of Southern Baptists. I venture to assert that no body of Christians anywhere are making such growth as our people. It is truly apostolic, I submit some of these statistics. There are in the fourteen Southern States 1,767,285 white Baptists, with the exception of the colored Baptists, this is the largest body of Christians in the South. Southern Methodists number 1,567,728. Southern Baptists added to their number last year by baptism 105,471. This is a wonderful showing. It is a truly marvelous growth. Every State shows an increase from Maryland with only 61 churches which baptized nearly 300 to Texas with 2,855 churches baptizing 16,897. The total increase in membership of Southern white Baptists last year was 72,506. That we may have some idea of this growth we note that Southern Methodists covering a larger territory than the fourteen States included in the above statistics show an

increase of only 24,962, while Southern Presbyterians show an increase of only 4,856. Thus the increase of Baptists was three times that of Methodists and fifteen times larger than Presbyterians. In this connection it may be well to state that the disciples, who are always supposed to make such rapid growth, show an actual loss of nearly two thousand. I have not the means at hand to tell if any of this loss occurred in the South. It is always said that comparisons are odious and certainly these are given in no spirit of boasting, but in the light of them Southern Baptists ought to get a glimpse of their destiny as a religious force in our beloved southland. Our success is truly apostolic and we ought to "thank God and take courage."

Fraternally,

E. T. MOBBERLY.

Leland, Miss.

### A Special Case.

Our beloved sister Delia J. Ball, widow of Eld. Lewis Ball, of blessed memory, in Miss., is now living in Bisbee, Arizona. She and hers with a heroic band of Baptists, are trying to build a meeting house in that far away mining city. The faithful pastor lives in their home. They greatly need help. Mrs. Gambrell and myself have sent \$10.00. It occurred to me that some of "Uncle Lewis Ball's" old friends and co-workers would like to help the family of as noble servant of God as ever lived in Mississippi, build a house for God on that far off mission field. If so send Sister Ball an offering or send to me and I will forward it.

J. B. GAMBRELL.

Dallas, Texas.

### The Young People's Missionary Movement Conference, Asheville, N. C.

I have just returned from this conference and desire to say that I consider this movement the very best ever offered for the enlisting of actual study of the worldwide mission field. It is the purpose of this movement to furnish the very best books for use in the Sunday-schools, Young People's Societies, Classes and the homes. Not only do they furnish books but maps, charts, helps and accessions for forming and maintaining mission study classes. Their books and all supplies are not sold direct to any church or individual, but are sold only through regularly organized denominational boards, and at a cost much less than if any our boards publish them. Our board can furnish us with any of the Young People's Movement literature and get a percent for handling the order. Let us organize a mission study class this fall and get our people in touch with this great work. I believe it will increase our usefulness, enlarge our vision, deepen our interest and cause us to offer our lives to the Master for his use in evangelizing the world.

For further information about the Young People's Missionary Movement write to

R. J. Willingham, Sec. Foreign Board or B. D. Gray, Sec. Home Board.

I sincerely hope that when the next conference meets our churches all over the State will have delegates present.

B. P. GOOCH.

Water Valley, Miss.

### Bad Literature.

BY T. D. BUSH.

You kindly requested me some time ago to write something for THE BAPTIST. While I realize my inefficiency in the literary world, I will write a few short articles hoping to do somebody some good. It seems to me that a warning should be given just now against bad literature. For who does not know the power of a book, either for good or bad. When a boy I read three books which became factors in my life viz: Baxter's Saints Rest, Grave's Iron Wheel and Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. In the first two mentioned I got grace and grit, and in the third one I got Christian experience and learned much of allegorical language. I thank God that I was led by a Christian Father to read those little books. But I am to sound a note of warning against bad literature.

It strikes me that in the political world socialistic literature may be classed with the bad. Socialism is the germ of anarchism—first socialism, second the strike, third anarchism. In the religious world there are many dangerous books, booklets, papers, and leaflets. About the time I left the G. & S. I Railroad, a book that I consider bad in many respects was circulated extensively by an agent of the Seventh Day Adventists. The title of the book is "Bible Readings for Family Circles." That is a bad book, but it was eagerly sought and bought by Baptist laymen, deacons, and preachers. Its hobby is the Sabbath question, and some of its pernicious doctrines are unconsciousness after death, and no hell—no eternal punishment. This bad literature is in many homes where the denominational paper is not.

"The Millennial Dawn" is another bad book. In doctrine it is a twin sister to the Advent book, and both of them were born after the flesh. Christian Science Literature is bad, and a misnomer; but its negativeness will be its own destroyer. Its people will finally say there is nothing—no, not even Christian Science. We may not class fiction with, or as bad literature—for all of it is not; but much of it I consider useless and unworthy, the time taken in its pursuit. e. g., "The Baptist Chronicle" of Louisiana and THE BAPTIST of Mississippi both called attention to the Adventure of Sherlock Holmes in the Sunday issue of the Picayune. I looked forward to them and have read them up to date, but I must confess that I fail to see why these detective stories were pointed out by two great denominational papers. Do you?

Since I commenced this scribble I have thought of some other religious (?) literature that I think has bad sides, but you see there is danger just along here of treading on the other fellows' corns; so I will stop just here, and write again on good literature.

Cindad Porfirio Diaz, Coahmela, Mex.

June 26, 1905.

I reached this border city Saturday, 17. Don Pablo Rodriguez, our native evangelist, met me here.

We began a meeting Saturday night. Sunday we divided, I going to Puerta, a beautiful village five miles out and thus we ran two meetings during the week. Yesterday the two congregations met in Puerta, where about 150 people witnessed ten happy candidates buried with Christ in baptism. I go today to Musquiz for a few days; will reach Torreón about July 4. May God bless the workers in Mississippi.

A. C. WATKINS.

### Hattiesburg, Miss.

I write you a squib on the work of Columbia Street Baptist church from Jan. 1st to July 1st. We began Jan. with 65 members. We have received 91 since. We have given letters to five which gives us at present 151. We have raised for benevolence amounts as follows:

To Yazoo City church, \$43.70; State Missions, \$151.05; Home Missions, \$27.75; Foreign Missions, \$400.00; to Bro. Yohanan Persian, \$4.60; to Bro. Rowe's London trip, \$5.15; to Bro. Price holding meeting, \$125.00, making a total of \$756.55. Besides doing our own work The State Board was to pay one-half the pastor's salary for the year. We released the Board at the end of first quarter. We therefore bear all our expenses. We are in debt to the pastor but a very small sum which we are trying to get evened up. We have a paid collector who works well. There is one more note on our seats due in September. When we pay that we'll be even with the world.

We are at peace among ourselves, and nearly all of us are pulling at the same end of the rope.

The Lebanon Association meets with us in November. Our congregations are good. The prayer meeting is the best it has ever been the pleasure of the pastor to attend. Every department of the church contributes.

Yours fraternally,

M. J. DERRICK.

### Meeting at Cleveland.

The pastor, Brother B. L. Mitchell, began the meeting Sunday, June 18. After preaching at Natchez I came to his assistance Tuesday 20th and worked with the pastor till the 27th. It rained almost incessantly only abating each time at the hour for services which was accepted as a gracious providence. There were conversions and additions to the church at different times all through the meeting. There were no "methods" used and there was no excitement except the excitement which the plain truth always brings to the consciences. The most impressive service I ever was in was the last one of the services Tuesday morning June 27th. I shall never forget it. I preached that

morning on, "The Symbolism of Baptism" without any polemics, but simply. After preaching I sat down by a lady in the chair and said, "If you would obey the Lord you would be baptized." The pastor gave opportunity for membership. Miss Mitchell, the pastor's daughter, a Judson girl joined, by letter. Her friend, Miss Wilson, a Blue Mountain girl, a cousin of Bro. G. B. Butler, surrendered to God; then came Miss Edwards, one of the most elegant ladies I know, to join, upon confession of faith and baptism. She had formerly been a member of the Christian church. These were received and while the last verse of the last song was being sung, Mrs. T. M. Harris, the lady I had spoken to in the chair, made up her mind that minute and asked me to present her application for membership. She was received. The pastor and I gave her the hand of fellowship. The benediction was pronounced; then there was not a dry eye or a cold heart in all the house. Brother Mitchell with eyes full of tears said, "The Lord has reserved the best of the wine till the last of the feast."

Mrs. Harris, the wife of Judge T. M. Harris, is one of the most intellectual and capable women in that section. May she and all of those who joined give their talents to God's service.

The Cleveland church has some of the best people in the world in it. I wish I could mention them, but it might be like a church roll call. They gave me \$105.00 for only seven days' work. They all know I love them and would do anything to serve them. Some of the members of the Methodist church were very kind to me and Bro. Mitchell, and we reciprocate their love. Among them I especially mention Bro. Winston, the young banker, who sang in the choir, and Mrs. Ed. B. Hill, who played the organ often. The Lord bless them and make them obedient to His word, and give them a large hope in Christ.

Brother Mitchell has a tender place in the hearts and confidences not only of his own church members, but of the people at large, which he justly deserves. He is the best pastor I know of. I would like for him to come and pray in my home. He is a friend to the needy and those in sorrow. The Lord bless him with many saved souls in this sweetest, ripest season of his life.

Sister Mitchell was like a mother to me. She is one of the dearest women God's good sun shines upon.

I love dear old Mississippi and longed to serve her with my earliest labors. I was too green for her to use. God bless her and all her noble brood.

E. S. P'POOL.

Athens, Texas.

### Notes From Texas.

Procrastination, that thief, has prevented me from sending news items for some time, but I am resolved that he shall hinder me no longer. While nothing of a startling nature has occurred of late, yet

there are some things about to come to pass among our people, which seemed worthy of mention. I note a few of these.

### OUR EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS.

In some parts of our State, the people are going back to the old-fashioned "camp meetings." These, however, are principally confined to the plains in the far western part of the state, where the country is sparsely settled; where many ranchmen live and many cow-boys are employed in herding cattle; where much of the wealth and refinement from this and other states have drifted. Some of our average preachers go and assist in conducting these meetings. Such men as the Carroll brothers, Drs. Truett and Gambrell and Sid Williams and others like these are permitted as a compliment to preach at these meetings. The people for miles around congregate and camp for days and days. This primitive custom seems to invite "Old Time Religion," while shouting, I am told is again fashionable. Does not your heart incline you to attend one of these meetings?

Besides these meetings many of our district associations have tents, which during the summer and fall are moved from place to place, under which great meetings are held. It is a matter of rejoicing that the spirit and work of evangelism are growing more and more among our people. In our country we need only to "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to the harvest."

### THE BAPTIST SANITARIUM.

The foundation for the structure has been excavated and the building of a \$200,000 Baptist Sanitarium in Dallas is a thing of the not distant future. Many of us believe that the purpose of God is behind this enterprise. We are looking with hope and great anxiety to the day when the Baptists of Texas will have one of the best equipped institutions of the kind in the Southwest. The leading feature of the Lord's work has been neglected too long already. Our people appear to be at least partially awake to the importance of investing a part of the Lord's money in orphan asylums, schools and sanitariums; of this we are exceedingly much rejoiced.

### NEW PASTORS.

We are all very grateful to Mississippi for the splendid laymen and efficient preachers she has contributed to the working force in the Master's vineyard. The most recent contribution is in the person of Rev. A. J. Miller, of Columbus, to the pastorate of the church in the historic town of Nacogdoches. We welcome Bro. Miller to Texas.

The First Baptist church of Tyler has reached out as far as Baltimore and called Dr. Risner as pastor. It is hoped he will accept. So you see we not only covet, but capture the best gifts.

I am cordially yours,

A. J. FAWCETT.

Farmersville, Tex., June 28, 1905.



## WOMAN'S WORK.

Mrs. Julia T. Johnson, Editor.

P. O. Office, Miss.

[Direct all communications for this department to Chicago, Ills.]

## Woman's Central Committee:

Mrs. E. G. Mackett, President,  
Meridian; Mrs. W. R. Woods,  
Secretary, Meridian.

Programs are progressive. The introduction of new features, selection of additional hymns, subjects of prayer, etc., are left with the Societies.

July, 1905.

## Subject: Fields and Forces of Home Mission Board.

A PRIMER MESSAGE.

## Program.

1. In summertime, give attention to decoration, using ferns and wild flowers; enlist children in gathering and young ladies in arranging them. Perhaps some home from college on vacation will prepare papers, talk, or help in the music.
2. Hymns breathing praise and confidence.
3. Spiritual Songs: Psalms 99 and 100.
4. Thanksgiving for all accomplished by and for the Home Board last year.
5. Leaflet: "Fields and Forces of Home Board." Have the divisions copied, read by different members and interspersed with prayer.
6. For emphasis: Receipts of Home Board last year, \$135,708; increase of \$12,147; W. M. U., contributed \$40,698, \$5,828; \$50,000 is asked for W. M. U. the coming year, \$3,000 of which is for equipment of Mountain Schools.
7. Silent Prayer. Past continued enlargement may be the history of our Home Mission work.
8. How to gain new members: House to house visitation, face to face conversation, heart interchange of thought.
9. Business: Collection, discussion of plans for advance, etc.
10. Leaflet: "The Squire's opinion," by Kate Hamilton.
11. Take home the answer of Daniel Webster to the question, "What is the most solemn thought with which you were ever confronted?" "My individual responsibility to God."

I am so glad! It is such a rest to know  
That Thou hast ordered and appointed  
all.  
And wilt yet order and appoint my lot,  
For though so much I cannot understand,  
And would not choose as best, and yet  
may be,  
Thou choosest, Thou performest, Thou,  
my Lord,  
This is enough for me.

P. R. HALE, GAL.

To our Southern Baptist Women:

Dear Sisters:

On behalf of the Home Mission Board I greet you in deavor and through your labors may countless blessings self injured by those who be-

been abundantly blessed of God during the past year. Your contributions to Home Missions have been larger than ever before and, if I may judge from numerous letters from many of you, God has given you spiritual blessings in a marvelous way. Praise be to His name for all His mercy and grace.

Your Mission Studies for July will be: "Fields and Forces of the Home Board." What a subject! The field includes two Territories, 14 States, Cuba, the Isle of Pines and Panama. Some of the forces are 718 missionaries. Some results are 10,551 baptisms, 10,019 additions by letter, 219 churches constituted, 539 Sunday Schools organized! A great work indeed!

My appeal now is in behalf of the Recommendations of the Home Board to the Woman's Missionary Union, which were unanimously adopted by the Union at Kansas City and are printed elsewhere in these columns.

Never before was the cause of Home Missions more thoroughly on the hearts of our Baptist people. Our opportunity is at hand. If we are to hold this Southland in the future, we must at once take hold of it in new and serious fashion. Home Missions is foundation work. By this agency we are to take the world for Christ. Here we must get the men and money for carrying the Gospel to foreign lands. Neglect this Home land and you cut off the hope of salvation for the heathen.

Your work for Home Missions during the year will be along the line of the Recommendations adopted by the W. M. U. Please read them carefully and prayerfully. They are all important. Will not the Sisters this year help us reach 40,000 subscribers for the Home Field, besides distributing other literature, complete the Tichenor Memorial, give us \$12,000 during the Week of Prayer and Thank Offering in March, pray and work for additional women missionaries, give us \$3,000 for equipment of our Mountain Schools, pray and work for the salvation and religious development of the Negroes, and give us \$50,000 for Home Missions. By the help of God all this can be done and I have faith to believe it will be done.

May the Lord smile upon you as you go forth on this holy endeavor and through your labors may countless blessings self injured by those who be-

come upon this land you love so well.

Yours in Christian bonds.

B. D. GRAY,  
Cor. Secretary.

Atlanta, Ga.

## Liquor and the Law.

The law forbids the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday. The criminal judge is sworn to enforce the law.

The sheriff is sworn to arrest offenders against the law.

Some weeks ago under his solemn obligation Judge T. Moss ordered Sheriff Monteverde to arrest violators of the Sunday closing statutes.

The News-Scimitar indorsed the judge and the sheriff.

For this The News-Scimitar has been made the target for attack from professional violators of the law. An effort has been made and is being made to injure our business, merchants have been warned not to patronize, breweries have been constrained to withdraw advertisements from our columns and a relentless and manevolent war is being waged upon us because we have dared to indorse an effort to enforce a wise and reasonable statute in the interest of the public morals. There is nothing left for the News-Scimitar but to cheerfully and frankly accept the situation. We favor the Sunday-closing law because it means the greatest good to the greatest number, a benefit to those who indulge in strong drink and a blessing to those who depend upon them. We support the statute because its enforcement decreases crime and lawlessness and preserves the peace and quiet of the Sabbath, and we insist that it shall be observed because it is the law.

A self-respecting newspaper in a civilized community can afford to occupy no other position. In this matter the News-Scimitar has unhesitatingly performed its duty to the public and cheerfully and confidently abides the issue. We shall accept no further liquor advertisements, because we desire to be untrammelled by business relations with any interest which predicates upon its patronage of us the right to restrain the freedom of our opinion as an advocate of law and order and good morals.

The president of the United States must observe the law and there is no reason why a saloon-keeper should consider himself above the law or to deem himself injured by those who be-

lieve in the enforcement of the statutes.

Other interests are forced to submit to legal restraint. Other business men close their places of business on the Sabbath.

Operation for six days in the week should furnish a sufficient margin of profit for the retail liquor dealer, and it does.

But regardless of this, the sale of liquors on Sunday is illegal; the saloon keeper knows that when he takes out a license, and he is at perfect liberty not to engage in the business if he feels he cannot run it as a law-abiding citizen.

The saloon business is not a public blessing and the occupation of the saloon-keeper does not justify him in demanding that he should not be subjected to the laws of the land. He should not oppose public servants for performing their duty under oath. He should not eternally make his business interests as a professional law-breaker an issue in politics and attempt to defeat every candidate for office who does not promise to be blind, deaf and dumb to whatever offenses he shall commit. There is something too much of this sort of thing and it is becoming intolerable.

The liquor business, always a moral evil, has become a political evil.

It not only harms him who drinks whisky, but it is infringing upon public rights and is attempting to dictate government. The law allows it to exist only as a privilege in defiance of the general welfare and public rights. The time has come for decency to look this business in the face and meet it candidly and fearlessly.

It must be put out of politics or put off the earth.

If it refuses to obey the law, it should be outlawed.

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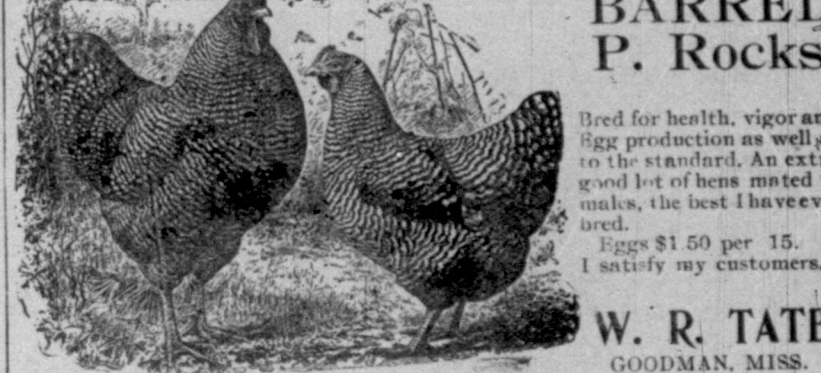
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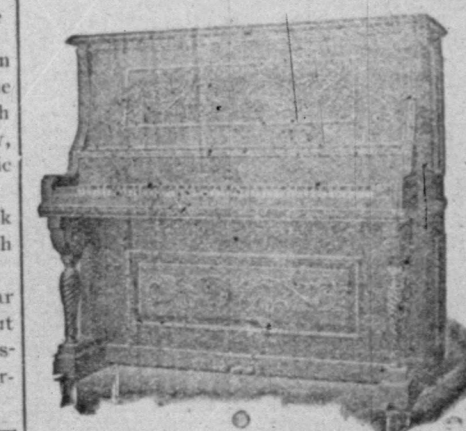


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## Deaths.

## Mr. Thomas Stevens.

On Monday evening the spirit of this young man left the body, and on Tuesday evening, after appropriate services in the First Church, we laid to rest in the cemetery the mortal of him.

Amidst the grief and heart-throbbings of loved ones and friends, this writer said the last words to commemorate his life and to console the bereaved. Bro. Thomas was a member of any church, but before taking his departure prayed often, and left a very bright testimony as to his faith in Christ, and hope of eternal life. Before dying he sang a song which he had just written; it was supposed to have been his own composition.

At the time of his death he was a little more than twenty-four years of age. He leaves a mother and father, brothers and sisters, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his loss. May heaven comfort them all.

WILBOURN FIELD.

July 2, 1905.

## Osborn.

In the Sanitarium, Mrs. Hatie Osborn, who was a daughter of Eld. Samuel Thigpen deceased. She was born May 18, 1853, and died July 8, 1905. She was married to Mr. Jno. Osborn January 12, 1872, professed Jesus as her Savior Aug. 20, 1872, and was baptized by the writer, Aug. 22, 1872, as the first trophy of God in his ministry. Her reliance in the Savior was strong; her assurance, perfect; her peace, sweet; her service, faithful; her faced death like a heroine. She leaves a husband, two daughters, a son, and numerous kindred and friends to mourn her loss. Blessings be multiplied to the bereaved.

Pastor, P. A. HAMAN.

## Moore.

Brother Charles W. Moore was born March 27, 1824, and died July 3, 1905 at his home in Ross County, Miss. He was married to Miss Phoebe Purvis, Dec. 31, 1844.

He was senior pastor of Concord Baptist Church about thirty years and was always willing and ready to do all he could in the service of his Master.

The church has lost one of her most influential members, the community one of its best citizens, and the family a true and noble husband and father.

He often said he was ready to go and dwell in the building of God; an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

He leaves a wife and five children and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

J. H. MIZE.

Cooper, Miss.

## Nichols.

On January 23, 1905, our little village was greatly shocked by the death of Sister Mattie Nichols. Though she had been very ill for some time, yet we hoped and prayed that it would be God's will to spare us this dear one for sometime yet, but such was not His will. He needed one more soul, but oh! how sad it seems when we come to gather them up. It seems that every sun of hope's hap-

piness has set forever, but in our very darkest moment He lends us this brightest ray. We know this world of sorrow and separation is not all. There is a home beyond, and we have every evidence that our loved one is today enjoying the many promises that are promised to those who love and serve him. How faithful she has been to the Camden Church, which she united with in 1887; she has ever lived a consistent Christian. She was highly esteemed and dearly loved by the church and all that knew her for her many noble virtues, but we weep not as those who have no hope. She has one sister and several brothers who survive her. They have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their great loss. May they find the God of their sister's refuge and strength, a very present help in their time of need.

J. W. MCKAY,  
(Mrs.) A. D. ALLEN,  
(Mrs.) MATTIE MCKAY,  
Committee.

B. Y. P. U.  
Columbia, Miss.

DEAR PROFESSOR JOHNSON:

Although it is very hard and sometimes seemingly impossible for churches with pastors to keep up a B. Y. P. U., be it said to the praise of Columbia Church, she kept both a Junior and a Senior Union going when she had no pastor. Consequently when I came I found some who were anxious for preaching and ready for work. Both unions have received new members since we came and the outlook is promising. As the case with every pastor, I find the members of the B. Y. P. U. ready and willing helpers in every good word and work. I hope to see you at the Convention.

Fraternally,  
BRYAN SIMMONS.

Bryan Simmons keeps at the work with the young people in both Sunday-school and Union. He succeeds Bro. Hewitt, who is another enthusiastic worker with young people.

About the middle of June a beautiful little girl came to the home of the B. Y. P. U. Editor. For nearly two weeks she made glad our home and then God took back to himself the unstained little spirit. We are thankful and rejoice that God in his great mercy and love, let us keep for even so short a time the little one whose memory will always be with us, as sweet as the recollection of an angel's visit. She shall not come back to us but we shall go to her.

Here comes the excitable brother again with a lecture for us because we are not more "liberal" in our thinking. He rejoices in the fact that his sympathies and efforts are not bounded

by denominational lines. Somehow, we have come into the habit these latter years of shying away from the man who boasts of being too large for any one denomination. He is apt to be a sort of Jack-o lantern Christian, spread out to the extent that he is intangible; ungettable for any practical purposes. The men and women who have really done much towards moving the world forward have been narrow; as narrow as the straight line of duty. The railroad train that spreads itself over a wide area does not carry passengers thereafter. Baptist people have a wide vision, but they love to walk in the straight and narrow way—Baptist Advance.

Yes, Spurgeon's church observed weekly communion. The great preacher was not an open communionist, though he was not consistent as a close communionist. In order to commune at his church it was necessary to procure a ticket. Pedobaptists who applied were admitted three times and refused after that. The idea was that their not being baptized was at first a matter of ignorance, while after they had been at the church three times they had had opportunity to learn their duty, and if they persisted in not being baptized, it was then disobedience and so they must not be allowed to come to the Lord's Supper. This is an inconsistent close communion position: since if it be wrong for an unbaptized person to come to the Lord's Supper the fourth time, it is wrong the first time. Still Spurgeon was close communion, after the third time. He told Dr. Broadus that if he lived in the United States he would observe close communion. Western Record.

It may be a surprise to many to learn that there are probably 300 or more young Chinese now being educated in this country. Of the 300 students, 173 are registered at the legation at Washington. Forty nine are government students and are preparing themselves for official positions, while 124 are private students whose parents have placed them under the supervision of the Chinese Legation. Sir Cheng Tung recently said: "I am led to believe that my government will not only continue, but increase, the sending of boys to the United States for an education. The necessity of the time

demands it and we need thousands of them."

These students are distributed widely in the colleges and academies. Their presence and the words of the Chinese ministers are full of significance. Being educated in America, they will go home to spread the new ideas of civilization which they have acquired; they will carry back acquired habits and customs. If they shall become Christianized during their stay in this country, they will lighten their nation with Christianity.

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" Wilmer.....	5:31	11:00
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